

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

James G. METZ et al.

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**Nucleic Acid Sequences Encoding a** Plant Cytoplasmic Protein Involved in Fatty Acyl-CoA Metabolism

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Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response be extended two (2) months from June 11, 2003 to August 11, 2003 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$410 for a two (2) month extension for a large entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Authorization to charge the \$410 extension of time fee is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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